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Unheard voices in WTC planning. — Hopes to save a Mies treasure and a Detroit landmark. — Not a rosy picture for architectural history in Moscow. — Is new era of housing in U.K. really that new? — Trials and tribulations in finding an architect for Morgan Library expansion. — An "anonymous" Boston transit station to be transformed into a tantalizing piece of sculpture. — Architects resist 3-D animation: threatens their "mystique" (!). — It's a Frank Lloyd Wright day (with a little Goff thrown in). — Two landscape architects: one "rusticates" New York; the other plants an impressionist painting in the middle of L.A. — Neon art makes architecture glow.

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Unheard Voices on Planning New Trade Center: advocating a planning process that would have included more minority architects [and] poets, philosophers and artists. - J. Max Bond Jr., Richard H. Franklin/Davis Brody Bond; Melvin L. Mitchell; Roberta Washington- New York Times

Two historic preservation groups hope to buy Mies van der Rohe Farnsworth House. By Blair Kamin-Chicago Tribune

Detroit Hotel Set for Restoration: Book-Cadillac Hotel...sees a promising future...for parts of the surrounding downtown area.- New York Times

[Moscow] Landmark Buildings Tumble, Creating a Dust-Up: The Moskva's fate is simply the most prominent manifestation of the city's new and, some say, rapacious building boom.- New York Times

A lack of commitment in the Labour 'commitment' of a decent home for all-audacity.org (UK)

'First, Pick an Architect': Renovating a museum isn't easy...four major challenges involved in our goal of remaking the Morgan Library. - Renzo Piano; Beyer Blinder Belle- Wall Street Journal

Designing the future: Brian Thomson is giving a new look to Boston's Government Center MBTA station - Thomson Design Associates [images]- TownOnline (Massachusetts)

Developers Learn the 3-Ds: 3-D animation...promise to revolutionize many elements of the development process...resistance comes largely from architects...see it as something that takes away from their mystique- National Real Estate Investor

Overrated and Underrated Architects: The king of overrated American architects remains Frank Lloyd Wright...Willis Polk remains one of the most underrated of American architects...- American Heritage

Frank Lloyd Wright a bad engineer? Don't tell these owners...of Wright-designed homes.- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Built on Oil, Banking on Design: This year, darling, it's Bartlesville [Price Tower] - Frank Lloyd Wright; Bruce Goff; Wendy Evans Joseph; Zaha Hadid [images]-New York Times

Bruce Goff's Bachelor Pad on the Prairie- New York Times

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A bouquet for L.A.: In the lush gardens surrounding Walt Disney Concert Hall, Melinda Taylor creates an atmosphere of warmth and tranquility...art of subtly manipulating nature, not an arm of street sweeping.- Los Angeles Times

Artist 'frosts' Greenwich Academy with neon installation: "It's a marriage of art and architecture" - James Turrell; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill [image]-GreenwichTime (Connecticut)

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- -- In construction: Renzo Piano Workshop: Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City
- -- Hodgetts + Fung: Sinclair Garden Pavilion, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, California
- -- Book: The Villas of Palladio By Giovanni Giaconi, Text by: Kim Williams; Princeton Architectural Press

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